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NOTE FOR: DCI

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Secretary of
Commerce Baldrige - 21 April 1982

The attached data relative to Commerce
Department's use of classified satellite
imagery is provided for background information
for your meeting with Secretary of Commerce
Baldrige on 21 April 1982.



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Background Information for the DCI's Meeting
with Secretary of Commerce Baldrige on 21 April 1982

Since 1967 the DCI has authorized the provision of classified satellite photography of domestic areas to the federal agencies for carrying out their authorized functions. The Department of Commerce, specifically its National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) uses such photography in updating navigation charts of US waters. The photography, which is primarily from the [] is provided to the Congressionally authorized national repository of classified imagery, which is located at the US Geological Survey's special mapping center in Reston, Virginia. NOAA personnel use the photography both at the Reston facility and at the NOAA classified vault in Rockville, Maryland.

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The interface between the federal agencies and the DCI is through the Presidentially established Civil Applications Committee (CAC)*. The Chairman of COMIREX is the DCI ex-officio member of the CAC. This arrangement, which dates back to 1976, is operating on a generally routine basis. The federal agencies' chief concerns are for obtaining more current coverage of the US and assuring a continued flow of such classified imagery in the future. []

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*Full title is Committee for Civil Applications of Classified
Overhead Photography of the United States

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